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Draft report

Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Section 7. Elimination of apartheid

1. At its 29th meeting, on 31 May, the Committee considered section 7 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Discussion

2. Support was expressed for the programme in view of the importance of its objectives. Some delegations believed it did not take into account the positive developments in South Africa, particularly legal actions to abolish the system of apartheid.

3. Some delegations questioned the proposed reclassifications of two posts in view of the positive developments towards the elimination of apartheid and the possibility of a new constitution for South Africa, which would greatly reduce the involvement of the United Nations. Several delegations emphasized

the enormous obstacles which impede the dismantling of apartheid and the establishment of a non-racial, democratic system in South Africa. They emphasized that until there was an irreversible change, the United Nations had an important role to play.

4. One delegation queried the number of grants and the activities financed in relation to the elimination of apartheid, which were approved or engaged in by the Special Committee against Apartheid during 1990. Several delegations were of the view that the grants and activities of the Special Committee contributed greatly in mobilizing international support for the campaign against apartheid.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee agreed with the last sentence of paragraph 7.4 proposed by the Secretary-General that conditions in South Africa would require continuous monitoring and would call for a re-evaluation of existing policies and programmes of action, which might lead to appropriate adjustments necessary to implement an effective programme during the biennium.

6. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 7 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.